

In the Claims:

1. A method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display panel, comprising a step of:
 - coating a resin film on one of a pair of substrates facing each other;
 - forming a plurality of pillar spacers by patterning the resin film;
 - optically cleaning the surface of the substrate where the pillar spacers have been formed; and
 - forming an alignment film on the optically cleaned substrate;

wherein in the optically cleaning, a light source having an emission peak in a wavelength range of 180 nm or less or 260 nm or more and not having an emission peak in a wavelength range from 180 nm to 260 nm is used.

- 2. The method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display panel as claimed in claim 1, wherein an excimer lamp is used as the light source.

3-4. (Canceled)

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